



# Assessment Notes...

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## Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program 2002

- Superintendents should have designated the STAR District Coordinators for the 2002 administration. District orders for the 2002 Stanford 9 and California Standards Tests were due at the California STAR Service Center on November 2, 2001. Orders for SABE/2 materials should have been submitted to CTB/McGraw-Hill. District STAR Coordinators who have not yet submitted these orders should do so immediately.
- Superintendents will receive lists of students eligible for the 2001 Governor's Scholars Program awards, student congratulatory letters, and student Notices of Qualifying Scores between January 9 and 16, 2002. Superintendents should arrange to have the materials distributed to schools as soon as they are received.
- The 2001 California Reading List that includes all titles on the state's 2001 Recommended Literature List for kindergarten through grade 12 is now available at <http://star.cde.ca.gov>.
- Watch for registration materials from Harcourt Educational Measurement and CTB/McGraw-Hill for the STAR 2002 Pre-Test Workshops that will be held during February.
- There is continuing confusion about SABE/2 testing requirements. SABE/2 is required for all Spanish-speaking English Learners who were enrolled in California public schools fewer than 12 months before the 2002 tests are administered. The 12 months of enrollment need not be continuous and need immediately preceding test administration. These students are required to take the Stanford 9, the California Standards Tests, and the SABE/2.
- The only students not required to take the Stanford 9 and California Standards Tests are students for whom parents submit a written request that they not be tested and disabled students who meet the criteria for an alternate assessment as specified by the California Department of Education's Special Education Division.
- The testing window for the California Standards Tests and the Stanford 9 is a 21-day window, comprised of the 10 days before and the 10 days after the day on which 85 percent of the school, program or track's instructional days are completed.
- The testing date for the Grade 4 and 7 Writing Tests is April 9 with make-up on April 10 for all schools, programs, and tracks in session. The alternate date of May 21 with make-up on May 22 is only for schools, programs, and tracks not in session on the April 8 through 10.

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- The testing window for SABE/2 is March 18 through May 15, 2002. Make-up testing is to be completed within 10 days of the regular test administration or by May 24, whichever is earlier. Answer documents must be returned to CTB/McGraw-Hill for scoring no later than May 31, 2002.
- STAR Site Coordinators are required to have the demographic pages of a Stanford 9 and California Standards Test answer document completed for every student enrolled on the first day of testing. The answer documents will include areas for coding that a disabled student completed an alternate assessment or that a student was exempted from testing by parent request.
- If students in grades 8 through 11 completed or will complete algebra I, geometry, algebra II, or 1st, 2nd, or 3rd year integrated math courses during the 2001-02 school year and do not complete a California Mathematics Standards Test, the California Mathematics Standards Test section is to be coded to indicate each student's 2001-02 math course.
- As new information about the 2002 STAR Program becomes available it is posted at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/statetests/star> (Internet). Currently the 2002 charts that list the time and number of items of required tests for each grade level are posted. The SBE's newly adopted performance standards tables are available at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/statetests> (Internet).

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